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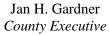
## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH-CAC ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO PLANT A PINWHEEL GARDEN

Frederick, MD—As April approaches, many in Frederick County are getting ready to welcome spring by planting gardens. This year, the Child Advocacy Center is asking that citizens add something new-- blue pinwheels in April gardens. Said Lynn Davis, Center Director, "Neighbors and businesses across our county and across the country are recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month by displaying blue pinwheels. These pinwheels are a visual reminder of our collective responsibility and our promise to protect and support the children in our community."

Many citizens and businesses are preparing now to participate. So far, pinwheel "gardens" are planned in front of City Hall, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Steiner House, and at Bonita Maas Park. In addition to pinwheels, businesses and Fire Departments across the county are showing support in April by displaying window clings with this important reminder: "Protecting Children is Everyone's Business."

Davis urges, "Now is the time to plan your gardens! Whether you display one pinwheel, or a hundred, you help spread the message that children, like garden seeds, blossom when they are nurtured. This April, make a statement that you stand for children and believe that together we can protect their future." For a free window cling or more information about where to purchase pinwheels, contact the Child Advocacy Center at 301-600-1758.

For more information about the Child Advocacy Center, please visit the website at <a href="https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/CAC">www.frederickcountymd.gov/CAC</a>



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